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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BESTOWS MULTIPLE AWARDS ON THE
U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW
YORK**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today Assistant United States Attorneys ANDREW S. DEMBER, ROBIN L. BAKER, CHRISTOPHER J. MORVILLO and ANTHONY S. BARKOW, and Paralegal Specialists LILLIE A. GRANT and ELIZABETH M. BEDNER, received the Attorney General's highest Award, for Exceptional Service, for their investigation and prosecution of three defendants, including New York attorney Lynne Stewart, for terrorism and other offenses relating to the defendants' public communication of messages of violence from imprisoned terrorist leader Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman. The Attorney General also honored FBI Special Agents STEVEN E. SORRELLS, SCOTT L. KERNS, KIMBERLEY A. WHITTLE, PHILIP A. SWABSIN and RICHARD W. KELLY; Language Specialists NABILA BANOUT and VICTORIA BENJAMIN; and NYPD Detective LOUIS NAPOLI with the same award for their work on the case.

The Attorney General's second-highest award, for Distinguished Service, was awarded to Assistant United States

Attorneys SHEILA M. GOWAN, SEAN H. LANE, ELIZABETH WOLSTEIN and JOSEPH A. PANTOJA, together with a number of attorneys at the Department of Justice in Washington, DC, for their extraordinary efforts in coordinating discovery and litigating simultaneous trials in three separate fora in defense of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003.

Assistant United States Attorneys DAVID BERARDANELLI, BOYD JOHNSON, and KEVIN PUVALOWSKI received the John Marshall Award for Asset Forfeiture for their work in the investigation and prosecution of participants in Colombia's "black market peso exchange" that resulted in the forfeiture and seizure of 22 million dollars.

The Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Management was awarded to Assistant United States Attorney SEAN CENAWOOD for his extraordinary efforts in managing the immigration litigation that has deluged the Department of Justice and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in recent years.

Finally, Assistant United States Attorneys ROBERT W. SADOWSKI, KATHLEEN A. ZEBROWSKI, and RICHARD E. ROSBERGER received the John Marshall Award for Alternative Dispute Resolution for their outstanding work in shifting hard-fought insurance litigation, relating to damage caused to the Navy's Subic Bay installation by a volcanic eruption and a typhoon, into mediation that eventually resulted in a fair and favorable resolution for the Government.